(c) whether representations have been received from handloom weavers and their organisation to increase the quantum of assistance by way of loan and subsidy to the extent of Rs. 25,000 per house; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Ye*, Sir.

(b) Government of India introduced the Centrally Sponsored Scheme called "Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme" for handloom weavers from the beginning of Seventh Five Year Plan i.e. 1985-86. The scheme is implemented primarily, with a view to provide suitable work-place to the weavers and in turn to achieve better productiv'ty. The scheme is implemented by respective State Governments through either handloom Apex Cooperative Societies, handloom development corporations, primary societies or any specialised agencies set by concerned State Governments for execution of such projects.

(c) and (A) As a result of number of requests received from various State Governments and handloom agencies to enhance the unit cost and Government subsidy share for construction of House-cum-Workshed and keeping in view the escalation in the cost of construction, the Government of India has modified the Workshed-cum-Housing scheme for the year 1991-92. Under the new modified scheme unit cost of each category of house and workshed has been revised upwards. Central subsidy portion has been also revised substantially to give a boost to the programme and relief to the weavers. Present funding pattern of the scheme is as given below :—

S. No.	Name of the Scheme	Cost of unit	Max. central subsidy	Loan	Weavers contribution
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Workshed	5,000	4,000	—	1,000
2	Rural Housing-cum-Workshed . .	20,000	14,000	5,000	1,000
3	Urban Housing-cum-Workshed . .	30,000	14,000	14,000	2,000

Meetings of the Representatives of Apex Handloom Weavers Cooperatives

612. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state whether a conference or meeting of the representatives of the Apex Handloom Weavers' Cooperatives in the country is proposed to be held to know their difficulties to take up export business directly and *to* solve them in the interests of handloom weavers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHO*K GEHLOT) : Government of India, as a regular ongoing exercise, holds periodic meetings with representatives of bodies involved 'n production of handlooms includ-I ing with Apex Handloom Weavers Cooperatives to find out difficulties being faced by them In exporting their products and to devise wavs and means of increasing hand-!oom exports including direct export by i Apex Handloom Weavers Cooperatives.

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर के कपड़े का निर्माण किया जाना

613. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मंत्रालय की वस्त्र समिति ने हाल ही में बंबई में एक सेमिनार का आयोजन किया था ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि उस सेमिनार में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर के कपड़े के निर्माण के संबंध में चर्चा की गई थी; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार अंतर्राष्ट्रीय स्तर के कपड़े के निर्माण के लिये क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

वस्त्र मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अशोक गहलोत) : (क) जी हां। आई एस ओ–9000 वस्त्र उद्योग को चुनौतियों पर वस्त्र समिति द्वारा दिनांक 28 और 29 मार्च, 1992 को बम्बई में एक सेमिनार आयोजित किया गया था।

(ख) सेमिनार मुख्यिकाट आई एस ओ–9000 के सम्बन्ध में वस्त्र उद्योग में जागरूकता पैदा करने के उद्देश्य से आयोजित किया गया था।

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार की नीति है कि वस्त्र उत्पादों सहित सभी उत्पादों के विनिर्माता और निर्यातकों को प्रोत्साहन दिया जाए ताकि वे अपने उत्पादों की क्वालिटी को अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय स्वीकार्य मानक तक पहुंचा सके। नई इक्जिम नीति में क्वालिटी के प्रति जागरूकता पैदा करने और कुल क्वालिटी प्रबन्धन की धारणा को बढ़ाने के उद्देश्य से राष्ट्रव्यापी कार्यक्रम आरम्भ करने के लिये एक नीति पैकेज की घोषणा की गई है।

Reopening of Buckingham and Carnatic Mills, Madras

614. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Textile Mills have been declared as sick units during the last five years till date;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof with State-wke figures;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Buckingham & Carnatic Mills in Madras, which was also a sick unit lias been reopened on 13th April, 1993; and

(d) if so, whether there is any propo to reopen any other sick textile mills. any other State in the near future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF Tl MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASH< GEHLOT) : (a) and (h) As per the inf mation made available by BIFR there ; 199 sick textile mills (Medium and la scale) in the Private Sector as 31 -12-1991. A Statement showing the Sts wise details is attached. *(See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The reopening of sick Textile M depends upon the determination of viability by Nodal Agency and BIFR, v draw up a rehabilitation package; Si governments and the commitment workers and promoters.

Statement

1.	Maharashtra	38
2.	West Bengal	14
3.	Madhya Pradesh	9
4.	Gujarat	48
5.	Rajasthan	9
6.	Punjab	3
7.	Karnataka	13
8.	Kerala	5
9.	Bihar	2
10.	Tamil Nadu	2
11.	Haryana	1
12.	Uttar Pradesh	1
13.	Chandigarh	
14.	Orissa	
15.	Andhra Pradesh	
	TOTAL	19

Marger of two cadres of Assistant Dire in the Office of Development Commissioner (Handicrafts)

615. SHRI ASHOK NATH VER1 Will the Minister of TEXTILES be ple to state :

(a) whether the two cadres of Grou Assistant Directors in the Office of Dev ment Commissioner (Handicrafts)